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 ) Group Art Unit: 1616  
Serial No.: 09/976,746 )  
 ) Examiner: M. Hartley  
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For: Paramagnetic Polymerized Protein )  
Microspheres and Methods of )  
Preparation Thereof )

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Office Action set a one-month shortened statutory period for response.

**REMARKS**

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-8 and 14-15 drawn to a method of imaging and a composition thereof.

The Office Action also includes a species requirement that Applicants respectfully traverse. Although the Office Action includes a species requirement, it does not list